Life (Protection) Amendment Act that no exploitation of any wildlife, which includes the vegetation forming the part of the habitat also, should be destroyed, damaged or exploited unless doing so is necessary for the improvement and better management of the wildlife in the Sanctuary. Theis would not only help in healing the scars of over exploitation of the fauna and flora in the past and restoring the life-supporting processes of eco-system, like soil-water conservation , but also generate benefits to the local people including tribals.

Prices of Imported Agricultural Products

3474. SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE:
SHRI HARADHAN ROY:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the prices paid for import of various agricultural products like wheat, cotton, etc. during the current year;

(b) how do these compare with wholesale and/or procurement prices in the country; and

(c) the price received for export of wheat during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) So far, the Government have neither imported any cotton during the current cotton year (September 1991- August 1992), nor any wheat during the current financial year 1991-92.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During 1991-92 (Upto 29.2.92), exports of wheat by MMTC have been mostly around US $ 116 per tonne on C & F basis, while the exports of wheat by STC have been mostly around US $ 95 per tonnes on FOB basis.

Increase in the Sale Price of Wheat

3475. SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state the reasons for increasing the sale price of wheat through Public distribution System, inspite of the decision taken to import the wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): The Central issue price of what (Ex-FCI godown) for Public Distribution System has been increased w.e.f. 23.12.1991 with a view to partially absorb the increase in Costs due to revision of Minimum Support Price and handling costs etc.

Tenali-Guntur Circular Railway

3476. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted any proposed to operate circular Rail between Tenali- Vijayawada-Guntur in vijayawada Division for approval; and

(b) if so, the time by which the proposal likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.